

## **ULSTER COUNTY NEWS**

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## **Permanent Electronics Collection Container At Saugerties Transfer Station**

The Town of Saugerties will have a permanent electronics collection container on site at the Route 212 Transfer Station in Saugerties servicing Saugerties, Woodstock, and Shandaken residents beginning November 1. Hours of operation are Tuesday through Saturday from 7 AM to 3 PM. Accepted are electronics including computer components, vcr's/dvd players, keyboards, printers, monitors/tv's, etc.

Discarded electronic waste represents a growing portion of the solid waste stream in New York State and Ulster County. Electronics contain potentially hazardous materials including lead, cadmium, mercury, silver and phosphorus. The recovery, refurbishing, dismantling, and/or recycling of valuable materials found in electronic waste is viewed favorably by regulatory agencies. Collection of this material will benefit the Town and County by source separating and diverting electronic waste from other landfill bound municipal solid waste while increasing recycling rates and reducing landfill use.

Advanced Recovery Industries (ARI), the vendor providing service for the electronics collection days held by the Ulster County Resource Recovery Agency, will provide the Town with a collection container. Once filled, ARI will transport the electronics to its warehouse in Port

Jervis, PA for dismantling and recycling. Countywide over eighty (80) tons of electronics have been collected this year, including the City of Kingston which also has an ongoing electronics collection program.

Brian Shapiro (D-I-W) Woodstock, Chairman of the Ulster County Legislature's Environmental Committee states, "This is a positive step to divert potentially hazardous materials from the waste stream and increase recycling." Greg Helsmoortel, Saugerties Town Supervisor, is pleased to provide the Town of Saugerties with an environmentally advantageous program.

Call (845) 679-0514 for more information. Residents only, no businesses.